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Statistics

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1 Chi Square Distribution

Before we start with chi-square distribution directly, we are going to understand the background of it. This distribution is used to check the theoretical hypothesis against the experimental result, and conclusions are drawn whether the experiment is unbiased really random or the biased one so that acceptance or rejection of the experimental observation is done.

In this distribution the important parameter is degree of freedom (df) say for example in a fair dice throw it is 5, in coin toss it is 1 soon. By df , we mean independency, for example throwing a dice 100 times we 5 outcomes say 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 are independent but 6th will be dependent. That is if 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 appears 14, 16, 15, 19, 14 times then 6th will be restricted to 20 times only. Similarly in tossing a coin 100 times if head appears 55 times then tail has to appear only 45 times and soon. We define degree of freedom as $df = \text{number of categories} - 1$ say in a die it is $df = 6 - 1 = 5$ and in coin it is $df = 2 - 1 = 1$.

Random variable in Chi Square Distribution

If $X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, \dots, X_n$ are the random variables and each following a normal distribution or standard normal distributions then the variable χ^2 defined as below is following a Chi-square distribution.

$$\chi^2 = Y = X_1^2 + X_2^2 + X_3^2 + X_4^2 + \dots + X_n^2$$

support base of Y

$$R_y \in [0, \infty]$$

$$\chi^2(y) = \begin{cases} Cy^{\frac{c}{2}-1}e^{-\frac{1}{2}y}, & \text{if } \chi^2 \in R_x \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

c is a constant containing Gamma function.

for example in a 500 dice throw each independent variable say 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 following a normal distribution then the sum of square of each of these variables follows a Chi-square distribution.

i)

$$\chi^2 \geq 0$$

ii) Chi-square is a skewed distribution for lower degree of freedom and peaks immediately near zero but for larger degree of freedom > 90 , it is approaching to normal distribution with mean at df and variance $\sqrt{2df}$

1.1 Applications of Chi Square Distribution

It has a large number of Applications and some are as

- i) Chi-square test of goodness of fit
- ii) Chi-square test for independence of attributes
- iii) Chi-square test for the population variance.

Chi-square test of goodness of fit It is a tool or test to describe the magnitude of discrepancy between theory and observation. It enables us to find if the deviations of observations from theory is just by chance or due to inadequacy of the theory to fit the observed data. This test is known as χ^2 square test of goodness of fit.

If $O_i (i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n)$ is observed data and $E_i (i = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, n)$ are the corresponding expected data (theoretical frequency) then the statistic χ^2 defined as

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i} \right]$$

with

$$\sum_{i=1}^n O_i = \sum_{i=1}^n E_i$$

following a chi square distribution with $(n - 1)$ degrees of freedom.

Acceptance or rejection of the hypothesis is done based on the comparison of this statistic with table value (given by R.A.Fisher available for various levels of confidence ordinarily upto 30 degree of freedom). if it is less than the table value, hypothesis is accepted else rejected.

Example: A die thrown 132 times and results are

Number turned up: 123456 with frequency as frequency : 162025142928 respectively. test the hypothesis that the die is unbiased.

solution based on hypothesis the expected: $\frac{132}{6} = 22$

O (Observed)	E (Expected)	(O-E) ²	$\frac{(O-E)^2}{E}$
16	22	36	1.64
20	22	4	0.18
25	22	9	0.41
14	22	64	2.91
29	22	49	2.23
28	22	36	1.64
			$\sum \frac{(O-E)^2}{E} = 9.01$

here $df = 6 - 1 = 5$

for 5 degrees of freedom at 5% level of significance, the table value is $\chi^2 = 11.07$ the calculated value is less than the table and hence there is no evidence

against the hypothesis.

Example 2

Check for a die thrown 300 times with observed values as 1 = 48, 2 = 52, 3 = 55, 4 = 45, 5 = 53, 6 = 47 times

1.2 Derivation of Chi Square distribution for one degree of freedom

Let z is a standard normal variable with mean 0 and variance 1 that is $z \sim S(0, 1)$. Then

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}z^2}$$

Let X is a random variable of χ^2 distribution we have by definition

$$X = z_1^2 = z^2$$

$$z = \sqrt{x}$$

for x we know about the distribution function

$$x < 0, F_x(x) = 0$$

therefore a probability function can of X can be derived by differentiating the distribution function as

$$f_x(x) = \chi_x^2(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F_x(x)$$

$$f_x(x) = \chi_x^2(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \int_{-z}^z f_z(z) dz = \frac{d}{dx} \int_{-\sqrt{x}}^{\sqrt{x}} f_z(z) dz$$

$$f_x(x) = \chi_x^2(x) = f_z(z) \frac{d}{dx} (+z) - f_z(-z) \frac{d}{dx} (-z)$$

$$f_x(x) = \chi_x^2(x) = f_z(\sqrt{x}) \frac{d}{dx} (\sqrt{x}) - f_z(-\sqrt{x}) \frac{d}{dx} (-\sqrt{x})$$

Since $f_z(z)$ is given to be normal distribution function (putting it value) and after differentiating part gives us $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} = x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ we arrive at

$$\chi_x^2(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} x^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x}$$

OR

$$\chi_x^2(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} x^{\frac{1}{2}-1} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x}$$

knowing the Gamma function $\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) = \sqrt{\pi}$ we get

$$\chi_x^2(x) = \frac{1}{2^{\frac{1}{2}} \Gamma(\frac{1}{2})} x^{(\frac{1}{2}-1)} e^{-(\frac{1}{2}x)}$$

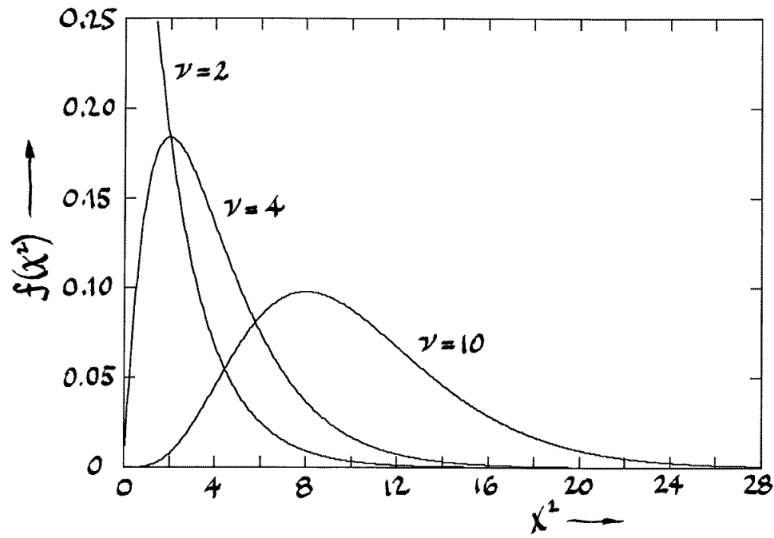


Figure 1 — The chi-square distribution for $\nu = 2, 4,$ and 10 .

which is the required chi square distribution for one degree of freedom. For n degree of freedom we have

$$\chi_x^2(x) = \frac{1}{2^{\frac{n}{2}}\Gamma(\frac{n}{2})}x^{\frac{(n-1)}{2}}e^{-\frac{1}{2}x}$$

n is known as shape parameter and 2 scale parameter
varying value of n define the shape of distribution. Depending on degree of freedom we have right skewed and normalized chi square distributions.

Alternative Method

If X follows standar normal distribution with mean 0 and varaince 1

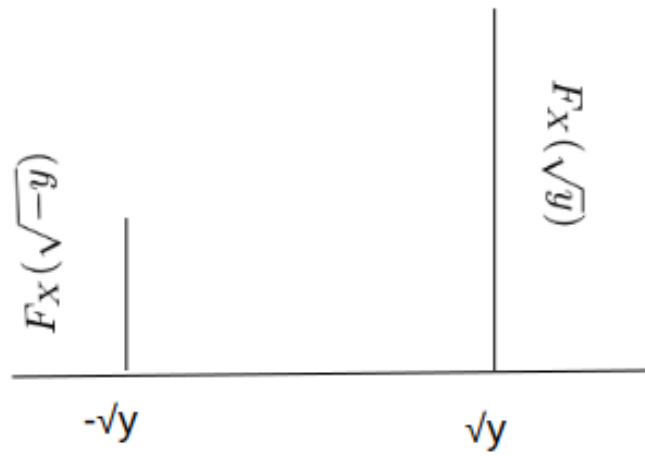
$$X \sim SN(0, 1)$$

then the pdf for X^2 will be derived as

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{d}{dx}P(X^2 < x) \\ &= \frac{d}{dx}P(-\sqrt{x} < X < \sqrt{x}) \\ &= \frac{d}{dx} \int_{-\sqrt{x}}^{\sqrt{x}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \end{aligned}$$

for dummy index we have

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{d}{dx} \int_{-\sqrt{x}}^{\sqrt{x}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-\frac{\mu^2}{2}} d\mu \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{d}{dx} \int_{-\sqrt{x}}^{\sqrt{x}} e^{-\frac{\mu^2}{2}} d\mu \end{aligned}$$



Cummulative distribution function
(cdf)

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \leftarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \rightarrow \\
 F_X(\sqrt{-y}) \qquad + \qquad F_X(\sqrt{y}) \qquad = 1
 \end{array}$$

Figure 1: graphical understanding

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{d}{dx} \int_0^{\sqrt{x}} e^{-\frac{\mu^2}{2}} d\mu$$

using standard integral method we have

$$f(x) = \frac{e^{-\frac{x}{2}} x^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{\sqrt{2}\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})}$$

in standard notation we write

$$\chi_x^2(x) = \frac{1}{2^{\frac{1}{2}}\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})} x^{(\frac{1}{2}-1)} e^{-(\frac{1}{2}x)}$$

1.3 Expected value of Chi Square Distribution

If x follows a χ^2 distribution then

$$E(X) = \int_0^{\infty} x \chi^2(x) dx$$

$$E(X) = \int_0^{\infty} x C x^{(\frac{n}{2}-1)} e^{(-\frac{1}{2}x)} dx$$

$$E(X) = C \int_0^{\infty} x^{(\frac{n}{2})} e^{(-\frac{1}{2}x)} dx$$

$$E(X) = C[-x^{\frac{n}{2}} 2e^{(-\frac{1}{2}x)}]_0^{\infty} + C \int_0^{\infty} \frac{n}{2} x^{(\frac{n}{2}-1)} 2e^{(-\frac{1}{2}x)} dx$$

do some calculations and see we get back a distribution which gives probability from all over the support base as 1

$$= n \int_0^{\infty} \chi(x) dx = n.1 = n$$

hence expected value is the degree of freedom

1.4 Variance of Chi Square Distribution

we know

$$\nu_2 = V(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 = E(X^2) - \mu^2$$

therefore

$$E(X^2) = \int_0^{\infty} x^2 C x^{(\frac{n}{2}-1)} e^{(-\frac{1}{2}x)} dx$$

$$E(X^2) = C \int_0^{\infty} x^{(\frac{n}{2}+1)} e^{(-\frac{1}{2}x)} dx$$

$$E(X^2) = C[-x^{(\frac{n}{2}+1)} e^{(-\frac{1}{2}x)}(2)]_0^{\infty} + 2 \int_0^{\infty} ((\frac{n}{2} + 1)) x^{\frac{n}{2}} e^{(-\frac{1}{2}x)} dx$$

$$E(X^2) = C(n+2) \int_0^{\infty} x^{\frac{n}{2}} e^{(-\frac{1}{2}x)} dx$$

$$E(X^2) = C(n+2) \left[-2x^{\frac{n}{2}} e^{(-\frac{1}{2}x)} \Big|_0^{\infty} + \int_0^{\infty} 2\frac{n}{2} x^{(\frac{n}{2}-1)} e^{(-\frac{1}{2}x)} dx \right]$$

$$E(X^2) = C(n+2) \left[0 - 0 + n \int_0^{\infty} x^{(\frac{n}{2}-1)} e^{(-\frac{1}{2}x)} dx \right]$$

$$E(X^2) = Cn(n+2) \int_0^{\infty} x^{(\frac{n}{2}-1)} e^{(-\frac{1}{2}x)} dx$$

$$E(X^2) = Cn(n+2) \int_0^{\infty} \chi(x) dx$$

keeping in view the total probability equal to 1 we have

$$E(X^2) = n(n+2).1 = n^2 + 2n$$

therefore

$$V(x) = \sigma^2 = n^2 + 2n - n^2 = 2n$$

OR

$$\sigma = \sqrt{2n}$$

therefore we conclude to say that Chi square distribution has one important parameter that is degree of freedom and the mean and variance is degree of freedom dependent.

Home Work: Derive an expression for Chi square distribution of degree 1

NOTE : You need to gain more understanding on this topic by going beyond this elementary introduction